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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS .
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether department of Biotechnology has supported vacation training programmes for school children on bioresources;

(b) If so, the details of the institutions selected for such training during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) The number of school children trained during the above period;

(d) The number of Rural Bioresource Complexes set up by the Government in different States to help people in value added production;

(e) Whether there is any proposal to set up Rural Bioresource Complexes in all States;

(f) If so, the details thereof; and

(g) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, the Department of Biotechnology has supported the "Vacation Training Programme on Bioresources for School Children" at various locations in the country over the last 5 years.

(b) The state-wise details of the programme along with the names of institutes are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Institute	State in which located
1.	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), New Delhi	Delhi
2.	Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University	
3.	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappali	
4.	St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli	
5.	Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy, Loyola College, Chennai	
6.	M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai	
7.	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History	Tamil Nadu

(SACON) Anaikatty (P.O.)Coimbatore

8. Thiagarajar College, Madurai

9. Alagappa University, Karaikudi

10. PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore

11. St. John's College, Palayamkottai Tamil Nadu

12. Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar Research Center

(MCRC), Taramani, Chennai

13. Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai

14. Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad Gujarat

15. Gujarat Council of Science City, Ahmedabad

16. National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh

17. Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Maharashtra
Pune, Pune

18. Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai
19. Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education
and Research, Pune

20. Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar Orissa

21. M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Jaypore

(Orissa)

22. School of Studies in Zoology, Jiwaji University, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh

23. College of Agriculture & Plant Biotechnology Centre, Rajasthan
Bikaner

24. Regional Research Station, Bawal (Rewari), Haryana Haryana

25. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment Karnataka

(ATREE),Bangalore

26. College of Agriculture, Vellayani, Trivandrum	Kerala
27. Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh

(c) During the last 3 years, the department has supported 33 such programmes benefiting around 1000 Class X school children.

(d) The Department has launched five Rural Bioresource Complexes.

(e) to (g) As of now, there is no proposal to set up Rural Bioresouce Complexes in everystate. The need to set up such centers would be evaluated critically and on a case-to-case basis keeping in mind the capacity of the host institute, the ability for value addition of bioresources, location-specific needs etc.